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Art Unit	1616 Conf. No. 5350
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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed (copy of October 3, 02)
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other post card

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

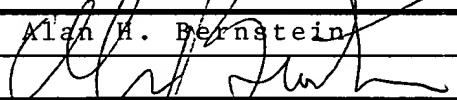
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 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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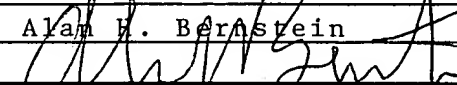
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AMENDMENT

Box AF
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Sir:

This Amendment is response to the Final Office Action of June 3, 2002. Also enclosed is a Petition for a one (1) month Extension of Time, up to and including October 3, 2002, for purpose of permitting the timely filing of the Amendment. Please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete without prejudice claims 21 to 47 and substitute therefore new claims 48 to 74.

48. Improved multiparticulate tablet which disintegrates in contact with the saliva in the mouth in less than 40 seconds, wherein it is based on particles of coated active principle which have intrinsic compression characteristics, and on a mixture of excipients being free of effervescent agents and the ratio of